GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:345
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
DIVERSION OF FUNDS
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds sanctioned for projects of Northern Railway have been diverted to other railway zones during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total funds out of the allocated funds diverted to other heads/ divisions/zones along with the reasons?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.345 BY SHRI JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2001 REGARDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Diversion of funds or reappropriations, as permissible under the rules, are resorted to with a view to ensure better utilisation of funds. The necessity for undertaking reappropriations arises due to :

- Some works moving slowly due to delay in land acquisition, contractual problems, court cases etc. as a result the allotted funds become surplus.
- To meet the requirement of additional funds for target-dated projects,
- To meet the escalated cost of materials etc.
- Changes in availability of resources.

(c) The total funds out of the allocated fund of Northern Railway diverted to other zones during the year 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 were around Rs.16 cr. It may, however, be mentioned that certain reappropriations from other zones to Northern Railway have also taken place in these years resulting in an inflow of around Rs.23 cr to Northern Railway. Overall, the actual (net) expenditure in Northern Railway during these three years has not been significantly at variance with the originally budgeted outlay.